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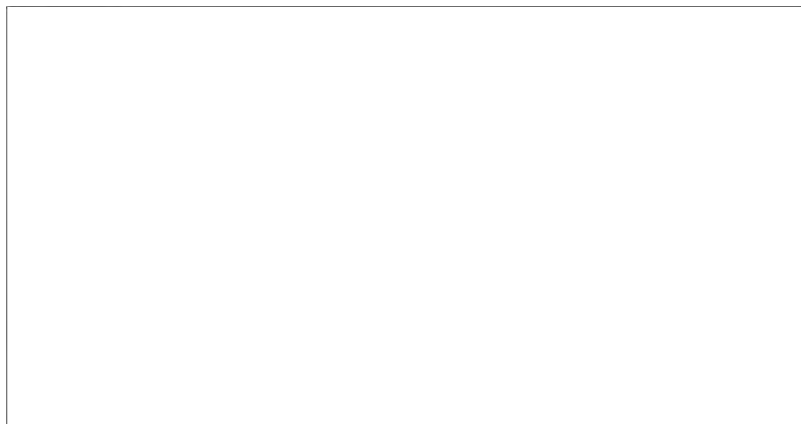
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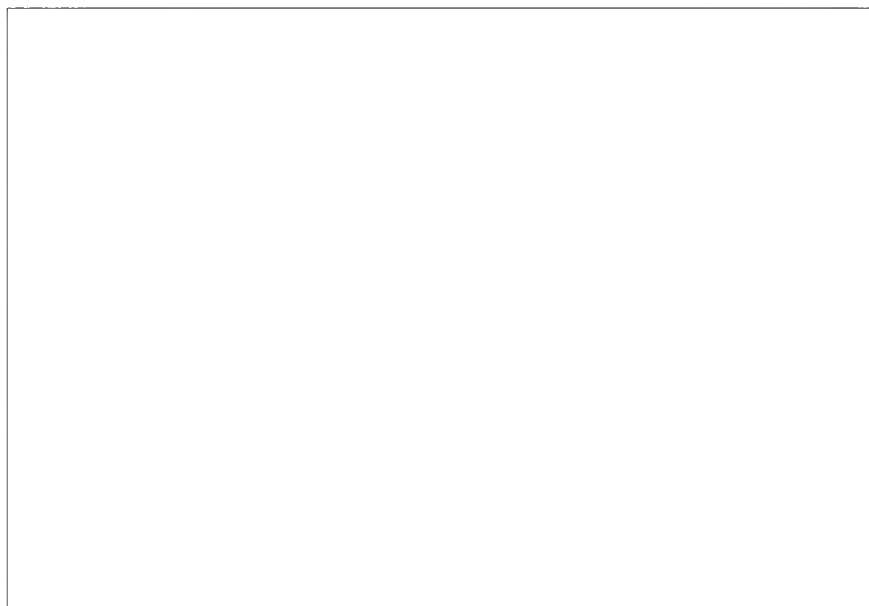
1. North Vietnam

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2. Soviet Union

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3. Rhodesia

British officials will return to Rhodesia this week for another round of almost certainly fruitless talks. We think Smith will turn down any proposals they are empowered to make.

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4. Iran

Tehran, exasperated over Moscow's slow response to its request in early July for arms, is now accusing the Soviets of "evasion and procrastination."

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Tehran thought its request was crystal clear and that Moscow was eager to oblige.

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5. Bolivia

President Barrientos was inaugurated Saturday. His speech reiterated Bolivia's determination to find an outlet to the sea, and outlined an ambitious industrial development program, increased oil production, and improvements in agriculture and communications. He promised guarantees for foreign private capital invested in these areas.

He also announced a cabinet of "national reconciliation," which included the leader of a party that had not supported him and abstained from the elections. All the members seem basically friendly to the US.

Barrientos said that the military men dropped from the cabinet would return to the barracks "to continue receiving their modest emoluments."

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6. Uruguay

Heber has decided to resume his duties as president of the National Council of Government. His walk-out last week--he called it a "provisional resignation"--did not attract much popular support for his crusade in favor of governmental reform. It did, however, rile the politicians within his own party who oppose reform and may have increased their chances of keeping his proposals off the ballot in November.

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